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(d) control means for controlling said second signal so as to be copied from said second memory means to said first memory means and for controlling said signal inputting means so as to input said first signal using said second signal.

36. An electronic apparatus according to claim 35, further comprising signal processing means for performing a predetermined processing on the basis of said second signal copied from said second memory means to said first memory means.

In the Abstract

At page 68, line 5, change "form" to -- from --.

REMARKS

Independent claim 35 and dependent claim 36 have been added. In a concurrently-filed paper, an additional claim fee for these claims has been included.

Independent claims 1 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sasaki et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,034,804. The rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested insofar as the claims have been clarifyingly amended.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites:

An imaging apparatus, comprising:

(a) image pickup means;

(b) first memory means capable of storing an image signal outputted from said image pickup means and condition information representing a condition in which the image signal is picked up by said image pickup means;

(c) second memory means capable of storing the image signal outputted from said image pickup means and the condition information, said second memory means being detachably attached to said apparatus; and

(d) control means for controlling the condition information so as to be copied from said second memory means to said first memory means.

Independent claim 7, as amended, recites:

An imaging apparatus, comprising:

(a) image pickup means;

(b) first memory means for storing an image signal outputted from said image pickup means;

(c) second memory means capable of storing the image signal outputted from said image pickup means, said second memory means being detachably attached to said apparatus;

(d) signal processing means for performing a processing on the image signal on the basis of condition information representing a condition in which the image signal is picked up by said image pickup means, each of said first and second memory means being capable of further storing the condition information; and

(e) control means for controlling the condition information so as to be copied from said second memory means to said first memory means;

said control means including switching means for switching an operation of said control means between a plurality of operation modes.

The Sasaki et al. reference fails to disclose such an imaging apparatus, as claimed in claims 1 and 7.

Rather the Sasaki et al. reference discloses a camera including a signal conversion device which converts a signal

from an imaging device into a luminance signal and two color difference signals. A recording device then stores the image data into a memory card. Photographing information including white balance information is also written into the memory card. However when the memory capacity of the memory card is filled, the Sasaki et al. reference discloses that picture image data is kept stored in a buffer memory 31₆ until a new memory card is inserted. (col. 8, lines 65-68) The Sasaki et al. reference also discloses that if the memory card is replaced because its memory capacity has been reached, the photographing information must then be stored again. (see col. 9, lines 20-28 and Fig. 10)

In the present invention, it is possible that a stored second signal can be copied and stored in first memory means. In the event that the capacity of second memory means, which is detachably attached to the imaging apparatus, is filled during the storing of inputted information and that the storage of information is then resumed by replacing second memory means, the stored signal can then be copied from first memory means to second memory means. Such controlling of condition information so as to be copied from second memory means to first memory means such that a signal is continuously input under the same condition is not disclosed or suggested in the Sasaki et al. reference.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 7 are submitted as not being anticipated by the Sasaki et al. reference since the reference lacks disclosure or suggestion of the express content

of the claims. Claims 1 and 7 are thus submitted as patentable.

With respect to newly added independent claim 35, the cited reference fails to disclose or suggest an electronic apparatus comprising, in particular, control means for controlling a second signal to be copied from second memory means to first memory means and for controlling signal inputting means so as to input a first signal using the second signal.

Reliance is placed on In re Fine, 5 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and Ex parte Kochan, 131 U.S.P.Q. 204 (Bd. App. 1960) for allowance of the dependent claims, since they differ in scope from parent independent claims which are submitted as patentable.

Patentability of the claims is believed to have been established. Accordingly, undersigned submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, except for the filing of formal drawings. Indication to that effect is respectively solicited.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application, a request is made that the Examiner telephone the undersigned counsel for applicants at (212) 682-9640.

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